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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Thursday 21st July 1977/Ashada 30, 1899 S. E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at Nine of the Clock.

(MADAM SPEAKER (SMT. K. S. NAGARATHNAMMA) in the Chair.)

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT  
PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *re: Ragging of Marathi Speaking Students at Belgum Medical College.*

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).— I call the attention of the Minister for Health regarding ragging of Marathi Students of J. N. Medical College, Belgaum.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Health).— In reply to the Calling Attention Notice. I wish to make the following Statement.

The reports of ragging of certain students at the Medical College, Belgaum have been inquired into by the Principal. He has contacted the students concerned, and on thorough verification it has been found that the students concerned were not subjected to any torture or humiliation except that they were asked some silly questions. Enquiries were made from other students of the College also and none of them complained about being subjected to inhuman torture through ragging as alleged. The students are regularly attending their classes and not absenting themselves. Some of the parents of the students were also contacted and they have written to the Principal that the matter should have been ignored as trivial and that they have not themselves taken it seriously.

The reports of ragging are obviously exaggerated.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.— Madam Speaker, the Government have relied upon the incorrect information supplied by the Principal and other College authorities and made this incorrect statement and they have tried to suppress the fact indirectly. In this way the Government

have encouraged to develop this kind of criminal attitude of the students. I want that the Government should hold an enquiry by appointing an independent officer.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The hon'ble Member has been misled and I refute the argument that the Government have suppressed information. Government have no reason to suppress such information. There is no purpose also in this. I have also received letter from one of the parents of the student that nothing of that kind has taken place.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.— Three students from Miraj studying in J. N. Medical College have been ragged by some senior students of the College and those boys have taken shelter in of their relatives house at Belgaum and after that the parents of the students have approached the Superintendent of Belgaum and the Principal of the College. The S. P. has admitted before me that the students have been tortured and ragged. Therefore, why the Government is suppressing the information?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— What is the purpose in suppressing information. I am very sorry that you are mis-informed. After all there is the responsibility on Government to safeguard the public interest. Who ever it may be, Government does not make any difference between a man and man and we have a duty to perform. We do it in all earnestness. I have a letter from one of the parents of the student from Miraj who states that nothing of that kind has taken place. So, it is not correct to say that such things have happened. I don't want that this kind of things should flare up in a city like Belgaum.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.— The Superintendent of Police Mr. Burman has informed me about this matter and stated that there was ragging in the College. Then why the Government is denying?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— I don't know what the Superintendent of Police told him. But my information is that even from the parents of the boys, I was informed that no such incidents took place.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.— I am very sorry to say that the Marathi students in J. N. Medical College are not safe there. This is the attitude of the College. We must protest such things and in protest we stage a walk out.

(Both Sri N. B. Sirdesai and B. B. Sayanak staged a walk out)

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— It is left to the hon. Members.

MADAM SPEAKER — Next Calling Attention by Sri U T Fareed. But, it seems the hon'ble Minister wants some more information.

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಟಿ. ಫರೀದ್.— ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೆ, ನಾನು ಕಾಲಿಂಗ್ ಅಟೆನ್ಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟು 10-15 ದಿವಸ ಮಾಡರೂ ಇನ್‌ಫರ್ಮೇಷನ್ ತರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂದರೆ ಅರ್ಥ ಏನು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಡಿ. ಬಂಗೇರಾ.— ಇದು ಬಹಳ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾದುದು.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA — I don't under rate the importance. I wanted further more information. I would like to get it from the concerned people. That is why I pleaded; other wise I would not have stated so.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.— ಅವರಿಗೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಇನ್‌ಫರ್ಮೇಷನ್ ಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಟಿ. ಫುಲೆಡ್.— ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎಂ.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ.ಗಳು ಹೋಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು — ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಕಷ್ಟ ಏನು ಎನ್ನುವುದು ನನಗೆ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ ದೊಳಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಡಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಡಿ. ಬಂಗೇರಾ.— ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಇವತ್ತೇ ಕೊನೆ ದಿವಸ...

MADAM SPEAKER.— If the hon'ble Minister can get the information, he may please make a statement in the afternoon.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— I have received some information. Some more further information is necessary. I have asked them to get it. Without the correct information, I cannot give proper replies and also the hon. Members will take me to task. As the Chair suggested, nothing prevents the hon. Members to discuss their difficulties and other problems relating to that subject.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.— ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಸಮಾಧಾನವಾಗದೇ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಅವರು ಬಂದು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಮಾತನಾಡಬಹುದು.

(ii) *re : Illegal practices in purchasing tyres and tubes in K.S.R.T.C.*

SRI J. L. KABADE (Ballolli).— I call the attention of the Minister for Transport to the illegal practices in the purchase of Tyres and Tubes in K.S.R.T.C.

SRI M. MOHAMMAD ALI (Minister for Transport).— I wish to make the following Statement,

The K.S.R.T.C. has been purchasing tyres for the use of its fleet without calling for tenders and had adopted procedure similar to other Transport Undertakings in the Country, which were also purchasing tyres without calling for tenders since the Indian based foreign tyre manufacturing companies were regulating the fixation of prices by a Joint Undertaking of all the tyre manufacturing companies and the want of competition therefore has resulted in making tyres as a propriety item. The tyre companies ever since had made the purchase of tyres as solely a sellers market. But with the advent of M/s Modi Tyres in the market and their offering about Rs. 21 less than the price of other tyres companies considerable competition was set in. I had suggested to the Corporation to keep in view